Circle K Petitions Hanoi

Petitions for the North Vietnamese to release U. S. prisoners of war or at least adherance to the rules of the Geneva Conference are being circulated on campus by Circle K members.

All members of Circle K have copies of these petitions. Extra copies are at the Student Center office of Mrs. Clare Heaton, director of student activities.

President of Circle K, Greg Johnson promised "at least 100 petition forms for students to pick up."

Students may also write letters asking for the release or humane treatment of prisoners.

All letters should be addressed to Ton Duc Thang, Office of the President, Democratic Republic, Hanoi, North Vietnam.

Johnson believes these letters are effective. The North Vietnamese are sensitive to American public opinion. And letters protesting the maltreatment of prisoners are bringing due effect on them.

"Since the national letter campaign began, wives have received replies from prisoners within four days."

Besides petitions, Circle K is involved in the Tyler Hot Line program and the March of Dimes Walkathon.

Other projected goals of the club is to narrow the communications gap, work with disadvantaged youth, work with minority groups and discourage drug abuse.

The TJC club was organized in March, 1970 and has 10 members.

It meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the BSU.

Requirements for membership are that the person applying be a fulltime student, not be on scholastic probation, and have $3.75. Membership is open only to men.

Those wanting to become members may either attend one of the meetings or contact a member of Circle K.

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Young Singers For Buki Wright and the cast of "Up With People" singing out has become a national trademark.

'Up With People' Performs Friday

"Up! Up with people!
You meet 'em wherever you go.
They're the best kind of folks we know."

By KAREN JUSTICE

It is with these enthusiastic strains of song that the 55 members of Cast A of "Up With People" opens the 8 p.m. show Friday in Wagstaff Gymnasium.

Tickets for the concert are $2 for students, $3 for adults and are available on campus at Dean Edwin Fowler's office and in Tyler at the Melody Shop, Sears Roebuck and Co. and Anton's Record Shop.

It has been said of this internationally-known singing society that "people have come to see a show but have found themselves caught up in the fascination of life and what it takes to live it." As the song goes:

"If more people were for people, all people ev'rywhere...
There'd be a lot less people to worry about, and a lot more people who care."

"Up With People" tries to emphasize the positive approach and encourage brotherhood, Public Relations Representative Preston Goforth said.

They have a vast repertoire of music--from rock to soft solos--all "written, arranged, and produced strictly by members of the casts," Goforth said.

Many songs are reflectingly philosophical and leave deep impressions on the listener but the songs are never cynical:

"Deep inside of everyone there's a bigger person who is trying to break out, trying to reach out for the sun.
Others walk but he will run and never drop out. Don't be afraid, for people are made to go out and not to look in."

The organization is not a traveling evangelical troupe, Goforth explained, but it tries to spread happiness and show "something good is going on with young people."

As "Up With People" is non-denominational, it is also non-political.

It refuses to be classified as liberal or conservative, extreme right or left, Goforth maintained.

He said the group turned down an invitation to play at the Republican Convention in 1968 but consented to perform at both the Republican and Democratic Conventions.

Members observe "Up With People" is never over. "It goes on. And on . . . It sparks something new; the end of the show is only the beginning."

Performers for the "Up With People" casts are hand-picked by personal interview, Goforth noted, and said the group is in need of persons 16 and over who have musical talents and electrical skills or who could work as soundmen, dancers, business managers and costumers.

Persons interested in joining "Up With People" are encouraged to come at 9 a.m. Saturday to Room 103 Fine Arts Building. "We'll be there until the people stop coming," Goforth said.

COEDS IN TOP FOUR

Hamilton Elected 1971 Miss Tyler

By GREG REGIAN

For blonde, blue-eyed Kay Hamilton, winning Miss Tyler 1971 has a simple answer.

"I attribute most of my success," the sophomore English major said of Saturday night's selection from 11 candidates, "to being an Apache Belle."

Apparently the Belles contributed to more than just Miss Hamilton's becoming the rose city's next representative to the Miss Texas Pageant in Fort Worth. Top two runners-up, Deborah Stegner and Carleta Hathcox, are also members of the Belles.

The top four beauties including third runner-up Vicki Brown are attending TJC.

Miss Hamilton not only credits her crown to a Belle background, but also gives the same credit to the top two runners-up.

"Belles taught us poise in front of thousands," Miss Hamilton said, "and gave us a chance to meet people.

"I was anxious, not nervous. I think that came from my Belle experiences," Miss Hamilton said of her pageant performance.

Her talent was a pantomime and dance routine to "My Little Honeybun" from "South Pacific" similar to her last semester's performance as a Belle at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls.

In addition to her Belle activity, the 20-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Hamilton of Austin is president of Sans Souci Sorority. She plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin after graduation from TJC this spring.

First runner-up Miss Stegner is also a member of Sans Souci. She is Miss Hamilton's "little sister," or freshman charge in the sorority.

A drama major from Garland, Miss Stegner gave a dramatic interpretation in talent competition. The 5' 8" drama major, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Lerass, was the only freshman in the top choices.

Second runner-up Miss Hathcox was also named "Miss Congeniality" by the 10 other Miss Tyler contestants.

The song, "I've Got To Be Me," was Miss Hathcox's talent selection. She is a member of the Singing Apaches and Zeta Phi Omega Sorority. The daughter of Mrs. Carl Hathcox of Hawkins, the 5'7" brown-eyed sophomore is majoring in music.

Miss Brown's talent was a dramatic interpretation of a Carl Sandburg writing. A sophomore drama major, Miss Brown is also a member of Las Mascaras. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown of Tyler.

Other contestants in the Miss Tyler pageant were TJC coed Janis Etheridge and Carolyn Haire also of Tyler, Gail Parmer of Brownsboro, Sherra Edison of Troup, and Chapel Hill's Carole Crawford and Debby Slaughter.

Federal Judge Rules Against Hair Length Restriction Code

Federal Judge William Wayne Justice ruled Saturday that Tyler Junior College does not have the authority to dictate the length of a student's hair.

He also said rules on men's hair, mustache, beard and sideburn styles are "unreasonable and discriminatory."

Judge Justice had ruled in a similar manner in the preliminary iinjunction handed down in September. The Saturday ruling constitutes a permanent injunction.

The suit was filed against TJC by Joe Richard Lansdale, Robert Hutchinson, and Paul Harder when they were told they could not register for the 1970 fall semester until their hair cuts met the stipulations set down in the hair code.

In the first day of the two-day court session, attorneys for the students, Ken T. Miller and William Kugle, called 10 witnesses and the three students to the stand.

One prosecution witness, sophomore Robert Gilmer, said he wore short hair as a matter of personal preference but long hair was not offensive to him.

Dr. Thomas M. Spencer, president of San Jacinto College in Pasadena, noted two cases of class disruption while a similar injunction was in effect for two months at his college, but Miller pointed out that no violence has arisen on the TJC campus during the five-month period the injunction has been in effect.

Among witnesses for the defense were Dr. Charles Black Jr., a Dallas psychologist, Dr. Stanley Burnham, chairman of the department of physical instruction and director of athletic medicine at the University of Texas at Austin, and Dr. C. C. Colvert, professor and consultant in junior college education at the University of Texas College of Education.

Dr. Burnham said in his opinion an extreme hair style is a badge that identifies its wearer with an element of dissent with the administration (at UT).

EDITORIALS

Activity Fee Benefits All

The Student Senate has been kicking around the idea of levying an activity fee registration on all students.

The tax money would be distributed to campus organizations and used in Senate activities.

Depending on the Senate's consideration, the charge would be from $2 to $ if the action is accepted.

Many students have been declaring that such a tax would benefit only members of fraternities and sororities and other organizations, leaving the unattached student out.

The fact is that any student who doesn't sit and vegetate will benefit from the addition to the Senate's budget.

Under the present system, the Senate receives funds drawn from existing tuition fees. This money is adequate for some activities that have been available so far, but what about the newer, bigger, better things all students seem to be crying for?

Edwin Fowler, dean of student affairs, says lack of funds puts him and the Senate on a short rope.

More Dances, Concerts

New money from an activity fee would enable Fowler to book more and better bands for concerts and dances. For example, a much sought after group may ask as much as $2500 for a one-night stand. That amount has to be guaranteed before they will consider coming.

As things stand now, the Senate can afford maybe one such performance a year, relying on a $5 or more ticket charge for most of the money and making up the balance from the existing budget.

The activity fee would allow the Senate to guarantee the $2,500 without having to depend on ticket sales to pay for the show.

Tickets might even be done away with altogether.

Those who do not care for dances and concerts can still benefit by an activity fee.

The Senate has okayed the use of electronic voting booths in campus elections. Money for the booths will have to come from somewhere. The activity fee?

The Senate finances dances, banquets, sports activities, travel expenses for representatives of the college and other functions that although sponsored by individual organizations, are open to the entire student body. These activities could receive more attention in proportion to funds from the Senate.

Many junior colleges are operating successfully with activity fees and just about every senior college lists an activity fee in its catalog. Why should TJC stay behind?

"All this and more!" as the barkers proclaim--for only about $2 a semester. "You," as the barkers continue, "can't beat that." Barkers are often correct.

Texas Needs Honest Two-Party System

Disclosure of the Securities and Exchange Commission's investigation into stock fraud involving state officials from the governor's office on down clearly shows why young people have become disgusted with government.

Leaders Violate Public Trust

As Gary Bruner, state chairman of the Texas Young Republican Federation, asserted in an Austin address: "We have again seen the abuse of one-party power and the contempt by which some state leaders hold the public trust."

It is growing clearer why Texas and the nation's youth say government is out of touch with the people. When you have a one-party machine in control, as in Texas, you will usually find state officals doing pretty much what they want to do, including pursuing shady business ventures.

Bruner says the public interest would best be served if those involved in the fraud would step aside.

These would include Speaker of the House Gus Mutscher, Appropriations Committee chairman Bill Heatley, and Rep. Tommy Shannon, chairman of the House Administration Committee.

The governor of Texas who made overnight cash profits in connection with the stock fraud has even refused to give a statement under oath, while assuring Texans he has done nothing wrong.

As Bruner put it, "The people deserve a first-hand report on just what's going on in Austin and what they would recommend as a remedy to the situation."

The only remedy is a two-party system in state government. Unless there is healthy competition in the capital, unless there are two opposing parties keeping a thrifty eye on taxpayers' money, the young people of Texas can not be expected to have pride in their state and the leaders who run it.

7 MEN, 2 WOMEN

Names Of Buildings Honor Contributors To Education

By DONNA BENNETT

Some say a rose by any other name is still a rose but this adage is not quite true of a building dedicated to a person.

The nine buildings on campus named to honor seven men and two women carry something of the educational contributions of each person, especially contributions to TJC.

PIRTLE

The new annex to the George W. Pirtle Technology Center stands for a member of the TJC Board of Trustees, George Pirtle, who believes in training youth for the occupations they want and are best fitted for.

Through his financial contributions, the new annex was added last fall. Almost 900 technical students have classroom and lab facilities.

The Board of Trustees named the college technological facilities in honor of George W. Pirtle, consulting petroleum geologist and independent oil producer, in appreciation of his distinguished public service -- including his service to Tyler Junior College and his contributions to it--and in particular his contribution toward the provision of facilities for the technology program of TJC.

His contributions also include an annual $500 scholarship to a graduating student majoring in engineering or a physical science.

WAGSTAFF

Floyd Wagstaff Gymnasium honors the man whose office of athletic directorship is in the building. Wagstaff has made athletic history for TJC from California to Kansas. Few athletic minded persons have not heard his name.

HOLLEY

"Lois Holley Hall" a name on one of the women's dormitories, means a contribution from James S. Holley, local businessman and former TJC student, in honor of his mother. Holley's contribution helped complete and furnish the dormitory for 64 coeds.

JENKINS

The administration building, named H. E. Jenkins Hall in 1966, is an acknowledgment from the TJC Board of Trustees as a living memorial to the president of TJC. He has held the position since 1946.

TJC as it is today is his contribution to TJC.

Among his indirect contributions to TJC and to education in general are numerous services through national and state offices.

He still remains the only junior college president who has been president of the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities.

For those who know the Southern Association as just a name it is composed of nearly 5,000 educational institutions throughout 11 Southern states.

He is past president of the Texas Association of Colleges and past president of the Texas Association of Public Junior Colleges. He has served on a lengthy list of national and state education committees.

HUDNALL

Hudnall Planetarium, one of the biggest in Texas, stands as a financial contribution to a local geologist who is interested in astronomy and the space age. Through the financial help of J. J. Hudnall, more than 100,000 persons--many of them grade school children--have learned about the universe through shows at Hudnall Planetarium.

VAUGHN

Probably the most frequented building, besides Jenkins Hall and Wagstaff Gymnasium, is the Edgar H. Vaughn Library completed in the spring of 1968.

The print-electronic library was dedicated to the late Edgar H. Vaughn, M. D., whose financial contributions to the college "have been numerous," says President Jenkins.

Another building representing Vaughn contributions is the Lilly Mae Vaughn Hall, first of the women's dormitories and built in 1958. It was named for Dr. Vaughn's wife in recognition of their financial contributions for the dormitory's furnishings and air conditioning system.

GENTRY

The first building on campus, Gentry Gymnasium, was named for the late Judge Brady Gentry. Until Wagstaff Gymnasium was built, Gentry Gym, now the women's gym, was the only gymnasium.

The college would be far less like the TJC it is today without the contributions of the nine names written across nine buildings on campus.

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THREAT TO FREE ENTERPRISE

Government Is Big Business

By DAVID HOLLINGSWORTH and BOB LANGHAM

We are taught that free enterprise is basic in the American system.

Yet, an 859-page four-pound handbook published by the Department of Labor says one of every six Americans holds a government job.

The same source, "Occupational Outlook Handbook," also predicts that by 1980 the nearly 13 million persons working in government jobs will have increased another one-third.

Though one of the purposes of the handbook is to help young people train and find jobs, its factual content is appalling if one takes our system seriously.

The Wall Street Journal has compared the government's growth with other industries and found: "Of all industry in the United States, government is the hottest one going."

The handbook also points out that government jobs average 9.3 per cent more in salary than private industry.

The overall view then is one that shows danger for private industry. Big government cannot only attract the majority of job seekers but can afford to choose the cream of the crop, leaving the rest to private industry.

As the government grows stronger and stronger and branches out into industry, private industry grows weaker and weaker until it is no longer able to compete.

How can private industry hope to hire and keep top personnel when they must compete with governmental salaries--81,000 governments in the United States?

This changing employment picture that the handbook discusses can be of still further concern.

All governmental bodies are tax exempt.

If the 81,000 plus governments swallow up private industry where will the taxes come from to run the government?

The government will be forced to raise taxes higher and higher, eventually destroying the system.

It seems that while Americans cry for freedom of oppressed nations against communist threats, our own government continues to swell to the point of dangerously threatening our free enterprise.

Americans cannot tolerate a foreign government oppressing its people. Yet, when the American government employs the same means of a foreign government, the people cannot recognize it.

German Language Instructor Prefers Texas to Native Land

Color Slide Lecture Pictures Life in Modernized Hungary

By DAVID CARREN

Texas has more to offer than communist Hungary, German Instructor and Hungarian native Kamill G. Fogarasi assured Tyler Rotarians.

For 40 minutes the TJC German language instructor lectured on life in communist Hungary as he saw it on a trip summer before last behind the Iron Curtain.

Using several of over 200 color slides he took of the region, Fogarasi informed his audience in detail about life in Hungary today.

In Hungary, he said, "the almighty American dollar" is king. American tourism and dollars are Hungary's main industry. Budapest's motto is "make the foreigner feel good and spend his dollars here."

Foreign tourists, especially Americans, have practically unrestricted freedom in the country. But tourists spending marks or francs do not receive the same hospitality, he said.

Fogarasi says he got "sincere answers from the man on the street on present political and economic questions...the hopes of an enslaved nation."

Many Hungarians wish to look "American." They ask tourists for levis or other such Western items. Many people also secretly listen to Voice of America.

Fogarasi said though Hungary has a definite housing shortage, the government efforts were on the restoration of monuments damaged in the 1956 revolution.

American-styled neon signs adorn the streets to give tourists the impression they're in a modern Western capital, he said.

"The big change in my people," said Fogarasi, "is their attitude of 'carpe diem'--that is Latin for 'enjoy the day.' They spend their money with no thought of saving...There is no such thing as private property which is a major contributor to this attitude."

"However," he added "food is in abundance, and it is good and cheap."

Fogarasi sees "definite improvement in . . . the economic system" thanks to a recent plan, the New Economic Mechanism. This system includes decentralization, capitalization, and the improvement of the economy through incentive plans.

Fogarasi says Texas reminds him of the "friendliness, hospitality, and beautiful blue skies" of his native country, but the physical aspects are as far as the similarity goes.

The "neo-Communism," the socialist-capitalist government of Hungary, appalls the language teacher. At least as far as his children are concerned, Fogarasi is happy to live and work in Texas.

As a Hungarian diplomat in Berlin before the war, Fogarasi met his wife who had fled to the German capital to escape the Russians. After the Communist take-over of Hungary, the young diplomat came to the United States to teach at Wayne State University in Detroit. He earned two degrees in German.

After some teaching experience, he came to Texas. He has taught German three years at TJC.

"I would some day like to return under happier circumstances," Fogarasi said of his native country. "The situation is sad because its people cannot forget the past. And too, the people are intelligent and well-informed enough to know about the American way of life."

TEXAS FOR HIM

TJC German instructor Kamill G. Fogarasi, who last summer visited his former residence in Hungary, turns his attention to school matters. Fogarasi, "glad to leave Hungary and come home," apparently would have given Texas an "A" in his grade book following his brief visit behind the Iron Curtain.

Baptist Student Center Hosts Box Supper Social

Cowboys and cowgirls will celebrate St. Valentine's Day tomorrow night with a box supper at the BSU.

The party beginning at 7:30 p.m. is open to the student body with admission being a box supper for the cowgirls and a pocketful of change for the cowboys.

TJC sophomore Greg Regian of Mineola will provide the entertainment with a program of popular songs including a few of his own compositions. He will accompany himself on the guitar.

Boxes will be auctioned to the highest bidder who will get to eat the contents of the box with the coed who made it.

Money raised will go to the BSU summer mission program which has a projected goal of $1,000.

Coeds must decorate each box as individually as possible using a Valentine theme so her special cowboy can recognize it, according to BSU Director Don Mize.

The BSU will furnish dessert and drinks.

Decorations for the party will come straight from the old West with everything but a herd of cattle, Mize says.

Senate Votes To Use Booths For Elections

An innovation in campus voting, electric voting booths, will be used in the April 20 Student Senate elections, the Student Senate decided in its regular Monday morning meeting.

The Senate also decided to have both sophomore class officer elections on the same day so the electric voting booths will have to be rented for just one day, according to Mrs. Clare Heaton, director of student activities.

Deadline for candidates to turn in petitions for both elections is April 2, Mrs. Heaton said. Each candidate must have names of 50 students and four faculty on the petition.

Petitions can be submitted to Mrs. Heaton or Student Senate President Craig Dooley.

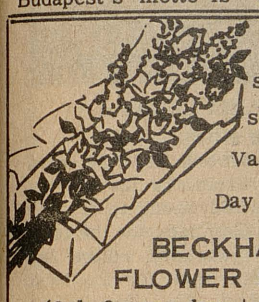
Campaign speeches are scheduled for April 15 in the Student Lounge. Mrs. Heaton emphasized no student should run for office unless he has at least a C average.

The Student Senate also made final arrangements for the reception of the "Up With People" cast at 2:30 p.m. today. Cast members will tour the campus and meet students.

In other business, Sans Souci's spring formal was set for May 1 at the Rose Garden Center.

Dooley also appointed a committee to look into an invitation to join the Junior College Association of Student Senates. Their annual meeting will be in Lufkin in the spring.

Half the 44 senate members were present at Monday's meeting, but Mrs. Heaton felt this was good attendance considering the 17 degree temperature, snow and 7 o'clock in the morning.



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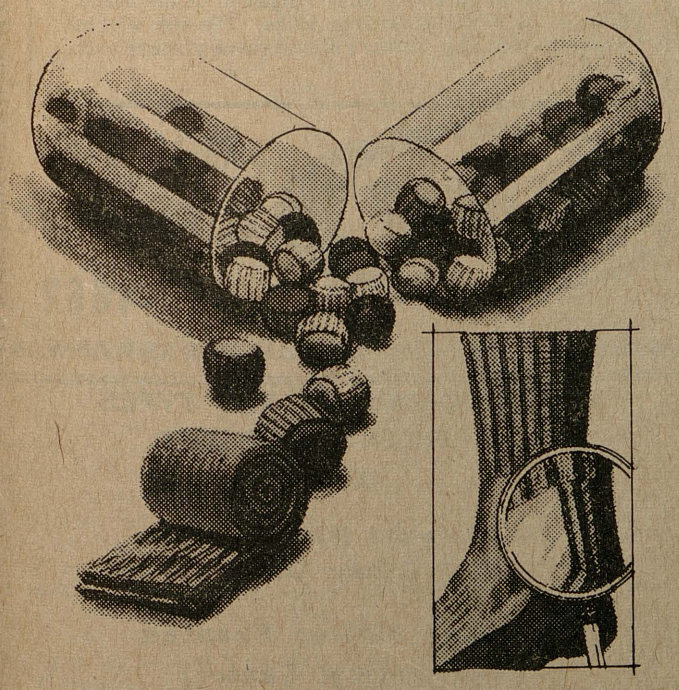

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CAMPUS BRIEFS

Houston Student Elected Drafting Club Secretary

Bobby Yates of Houston has been elected new secretary of the drafting club. Officers elected last semester are President Ben Hudgens, Vice President Craig Lewis of Tyler, Student Senate Representative David Woody of Nederland and Reporter Gloria Hallman of Tyler.

The 25-member club meets every other week at 10:48 a.m. either Tuesday or Thursday.

Organization sponsor is Drafting Instructor Jack Betts.

Anyone in drafting is eligible for club membership.

Club activities include a variety of things from a car wash to speakers to finding jobs for drafting graduates.

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Superintendent of the Tyler District of the United Methodist Church Dr. Carlos Davis will speak at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 15 at a free supper in the Methodist Student Center.

"All students are invited to this free supper," says the Rev. Harvey Beckendorf, center director.

"All they have to do is sign up before the supper in the Methodist student center," added Beckendorf.

The Women's Society of Christian Service of Pleasant Retreat United Methodist Church will furnish the food.

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Author of "The Gospel According to Peanuts," Robert Short, will be on campus March 16 as part of Religious Emphasis program.

He will speak in Wise Auditorium at 10:48 that day. copies of his book are available at the bible chairs, according to Bill Allan, director of the campus Christian Center.

Zeta, Sigma Nu To Sponsor Valentine Dance

"King and Queen of Hearts" is the theme of the tomorrow night all-campus Valentine dance. Zeta Phi Omega sorority and Sigma Delta Nu fraternity are sponsoring the informal dance from 8-12 p.m. in the Teepee.

The dance is open to the entire student body. Admission is free.

Entertainment will be The Enskys, a six-member band. The band is composed of TJC students.

Royalty to be announced at intermission will include a king, queen, prince and princess.

Sigma Nu will select two Zetas for queen and princess. And Zetas will select two Sigma Nus king and prince, according to Brenda Maduzia, Zeta president.

Organization Representatives To Meet Singers, Dancers

Representatives from each organization on campus are meeting a bus load of singers and dancers today when the cast of "Up With People" arrives.

A reception for the cast is planned at 2:30 p.m. in the Student Center.

At Dean Edwin Fowler's request, two members of each organization will be present to greet the cast.

"Up With People" will perform a segment of its show at the reception.

Bible chairs will furnish refreshments for students and guests.

Preston Goforth, director of public relations for "Up With People," presented the idea of a reception to the Student Senate in Monday's meeting. According to Goforth, all members of the student cast are interested in the campus and are especially interested in the student body.

"Up With People" is in Tyler to perform in Wagstaff Gymnasium Friday night at 8 o'clock.

Auditions for joining the troupe will be Saturday at 9 a.m., Room 103 in the Fine Arts Building.

Goforth wants to talk to anyone interested. If a student wants to join the group he has to join for a year, Goforth said.

If he is a male he has to take his chances on draft deferment.

Goforth himself is taking leave from Abilene Christian College for a year.

Dean's Office Issues 5,500 Parking Stickers

More than 5,500 parking stickers have been issued to students since the beginning of the fall semester.

"About 500 new permits have been issued this semester but stickers can be issued at any time of the year," said Mrs. Louise Echols, secretary to the deans.

Previously the stickers were issued with an expiration date but this year's stickers are marked "70-71" covering the full school term.

The first parking permit is issued free to all TJC students. If the student loses the first permit or wants to replace it, he buys a new one for $1.

Fines for parking violations range from $2 to $5 depending on the type of violation.

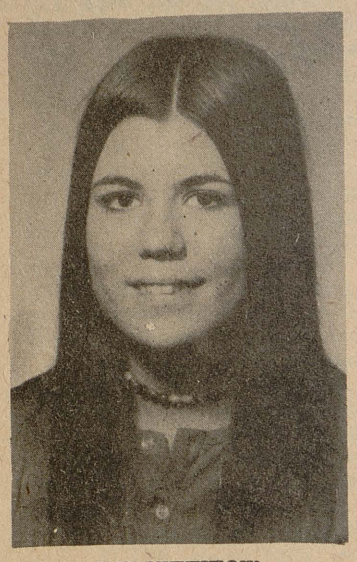
"This does not mean that the maximum parking ticket is $5," Mrs. Echols said. Several violations may be combined in one ticket causing the fine to be higher," she explained.

Fines must be paid to the office of the dean of student life in the student center.

100 DESIGNS SUBMITTED

Yearbook Staff Selects Top Pair of Art Entries

It represents a burst of something--energy, light or just anything, says Ann Vittitow about her cover design for the '71 Apache Yearbook.



ANN VITTITOW

SYLVIA BROWN

Miss Vittitow's entry tied with Richard Booth's entry from a selection of about 100 submitted by the art department.

The size of gold in Miss Vittitow's was the deciding factor in a choice of the two, according to laboratory data from Taylor Publishing Company, said Ed McMeans, representative of the publishing company.

McMeans said the absorbant black cover which the yearbook staff selected was unsuitable for the amount of gold in Rock design. He explained that lar amounts of color on a fabric this kind would tend to run a destroy the effect.

The yearbook staff selecte these two from the 100 entri and submitted them to Tay Publishing Company for the te

Apache yearbook editor Jo Messersmith says for the fir time the staff also chose an department title page design.

They selected Slyvia Brown entry of the word "APACHE in rough Indian-like writing, run ning vertically down the page w an arrow forming the bar on t "H" and pointing toward the s side pages.

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MARTIN WELCOMES EXPERIENCED TEAM

Rain, Cold Slow Baseball Workouts

By MARC MORRISON

Ol' Sol wouldn't cooperate with Baseball Coach Frank Martin's plans to open workouts for the new season last week.

Rain and cold kept the Apaches inside most of the week as they devoted their time to running and calisthenics.

But Martin plans to bring out the bats and balls this week, weather permitting, and get down to the nitty gritty of preparing to challenge for the Texas Eastern Conference championship.

Martin feels his experienced team will be a contender this season along with defending champion Panola, Paris and Grayson County.

He has eight sophomores returning from last season's 13-19 club including three starting pitchers. He reported 29 came out for the team the first day but the number should be cut to 18 or 19 by the end of this week.

"A lot of boys come out just to see their names in the paper," Martin said. "Some just like to say they came out for the baseball team. But they usually go home when the hitting starts."

Some who had better not go home include his pitching staff of sophomores Randy Perdue of Chapel Hill, Randy Pennington of Dallas Bryan Adams and Delbert Goggans of Grand Saline and freshmen Gary Vaughn of Palestine and Eddie Durrance of North Fork, Va. Vaughn is the lone left-hander.

"We should have the best pitching staff we've had," Martin said. "I have a lot of confidence in all our pitchers."

Finding someone for the pitchers to throw to, however, could be a problem. "We have one good catcher in Jim Echols but we haven't found a back-up man," Martin said. "That could cause problems later." Echols is a freshman from Tyler Lee.

TEC Contenders Lack Excitement

By RANDY HARVEY

Now that the Texas Eastern Conference basketball race is coming down to the wire, there should be a lot of excitement brewing around Tyler, Kilgore and Henderson County.

There should but there isn't.

The reason is simple. No matter who wins, the conference is not going to get its crown until it also wins the ridiculous post-season tournament that decides the TEC representative in the Region XIV playoffs.

Even if Tyler disposes of Kilgore and Henderson County next week, Apache fans still have to wait until the March 1-3 Region XIV North Zone tourney at Lon Morris to know if the Tribe is the true conference king.

This setup has proved distasteful to several teams around the league, especially regular season winners. In the past 11 years, only five teams have duplicated their regular-season championship with a tournament title.

TEC baseball teams had the same problem until this season with a post-season tourney of their own. The coaches voted to eliminate it this season much to the pleasure of Apache Coach Frank Martin.

"It was crazy to play that tournament year after year," Martin said. "And it sure wasn't fair to the regular season winner to have to play everyone all over again. I'm glad we changed this season."

Unfortunately basketball coaches haven't taken the cue. At least four of the TEC cage mentors are reportedly in favor of changing. Those by the way are the most winning coaches, Floyd Wagstaff of TJC, Joe Turner of Kilgore, Leon Spencer of Henderson County and Lewis Orr of Lon Morris. The other five continue to hold out.

But why shouldn't they? They have nothing to lose and additional money the tourney brings them and a chance at the playoffs to gain.

Perhaps Tyler shouldn't complain. The Apaches and Lon Morris are the only two teams to ever benefit from the tournament. TJC has won five regular season titles in 11 years and has advanced to the playoffs seven times.

Lon Morris has won only one regular season title but has won the tournament title twice. The year Lon Morris won the regular crown, however, Kilgore won the tourney.

Tyler is the only college not to lose its rightful crown in the tourney. Kilgore and Henderson County have each lost two. The latest failure for HCJC was in 1969 when it won the title but lost to TJC in the tournament.

So there is no reason for alarm should the Apaches lose to Kilgore or Henderson County next week.

The Apaches can still win the tournament. But so can Angelina or Panola.

Tribe Signs Arp's Gardner As First Football Recruit

Tyler Junior College opened its football recruiting campaign on a good note last week with the signing of All-stater L. H. Gradner of Arp to a pre-enrollment agreement.

Gardner was an all-state defensive halfback for Class A Arp both his junior and senior years. He was first team All-East Texas on offense and second team on defense this past season when he gained will over 1,000 yards.

"He should be a good one," Assistant Coach Neville Spiers said after signing Gardner. "He's got real good moves and he's very quick. Gardner can help us on both offense and defense."

Spiers compared Gardner to TJC's touted freshman halfback, Ray Harper of Lufkin. "He's a lot like Ray the way he runs," Spiers said. "Of course, Ray played for a Class AAAA team and Gardner for a Class A team and there's a difference."

But Spiers pointed out Billy Ray Roberson, 1969 Apache, was very successful at TJC after playing at Class A Troup.

Gardner is the only signee for the Apaches but Spiers said several more should come soon.

4 Cage Teams Play Tomorrow In Intramurals

Two games are scheduled tomorrow in the intramural basketball tournament as East Hall meets Sigma Delta Nu at 3:15 p.m. and the Afro-Americans play the Rodeo Club at 4:30 p.m.

Four teams kept their championship hopes alive in the consolation bracket last week. They are Tri-C, Alpha Delta Chi, Kappa Sigma lambda and West Hall.

Eliminated from the tourney are BSU, Apache Guard Association, Chi Gamma and Center Hall.

In the championship bracket, the Electronics Club met the Arp Exes and the Supersonics met Wesley Foundation yesterday. Scores were not available at press time.

Tri-C came from behind to beat BSU 36-33.

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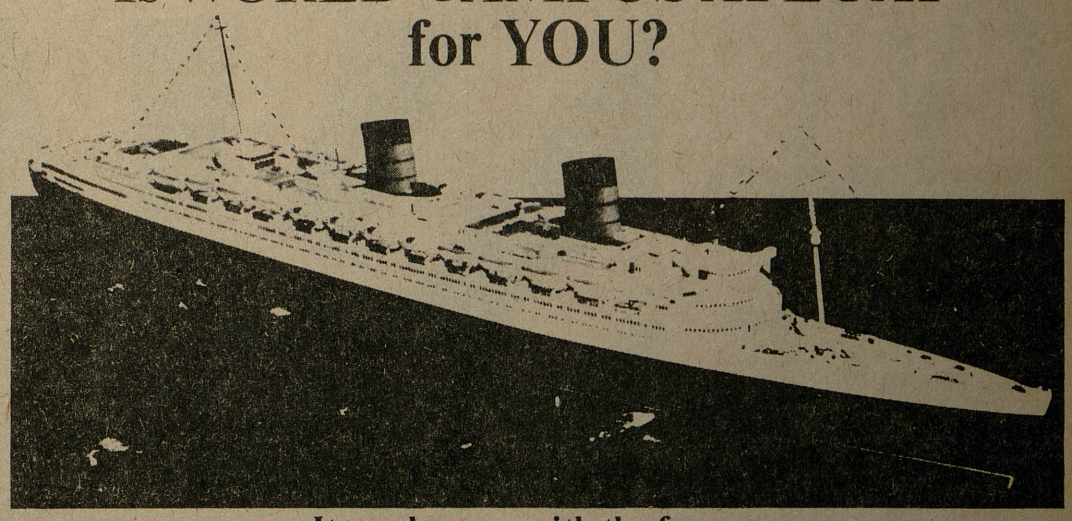

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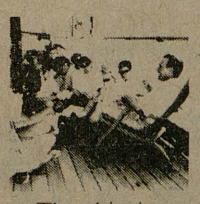

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TJC Faces Crucial Test With Bearcats

By GREG REGIAN

As TJC draws near the middle of second round Texas Eastern Conference competition, Thursday's 7:30 p.m. trip to Lon Morris grows increasingly important to the Apaches.

Coach Floyd Wagstaff, who perennially complains of bad recruiting and terrible outlook for the coming year, has prodded his charges into a first place Texas Eastern Conference tie with Henderson County.

But by now most other TEC coaches have learned to pay little attention as possible to Wagstaff's pre-season predictions. Tyler's outstanding coach, rated the fourth "winningest" JUCO coach in the nation, said TJC probably would finish no better than fifth this time.

Of course that's only slightly different from last season when Wagstaff tagged his 1970 bunch as one of his "worst" ever. And last year's Apaches only ended up in the National Junior College Athletic Association Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan.

Now the Apaches who Wagstaff warned were "only 50 per cent as good as last years" are 13-5 for the entire season, 9-1 in TEC and fighting to stay afloat in choppy conference waters.

Pre-season favorite Kilgore, who is still ranked sixth in the nation, will testify to the fierce competition. But the Rangers have only fallen twice this season. Those just happen to be Tyler and Lon Morris.

Coach Lewis Orr's Bearcats, 14-10 for the year and 5-4 in the loop, upset Kilgore 95-92 last week in Jacksonville and proved the 'Cats were hard to beat at home.

And overcoming Lon Morris in Bearcat territory is what TJC will have to accomplish Thursday night. It very well may foretell things to come since the annual Region XIV North Zone Tournament is scheduled at Lon Morris March 1-3.

Actually, the conference crown isn't decided until that tournament but that really makes no difference to either Tyler or Lon Morris at the moment.

After upsetting Kilgore, Lon Morris managed a 72-69 squeaker over rival Jacksonville Baptist last week for another satisfying Bearcat victory.

Samuel High, Lon Morris' 6-5 center and leading scorer, was slightly below his over 20 norm against Jacksonville, netting 17.

Bearcats Steve Moffett hit 16 and Alan Watson 10 to aid High in the double figure department. Joe Brown's nine and Steve Harrell's eight rounded out LM's top five.

While Jacksonville was suffering its sixth loss of the ye... to Lon Morris, TJC was back ... Wagstaff Gymnasium with Pa... in the process of rebuilding ... somewhat shaky Apache atta...

Tyler did return in surpri... ingly awesome fashion, which ... Apaches certainly have not be... since last traveling to Par...

Although TJC has won ... except one TEC 98-92 overtime ... Henderson County, the score ... have indicated to Wagstaff th... his Apaches weren't as close ... knit as previously.

"We knew we hadn't bee... playing together very well lat... ly," Wagstaff said. "You kn... of drift away from things wit... out realizing it and that's wh... happened to us. We worked ... passing and feeding and it can... back."

And TJC is apparently gl... Tyler did come back into form ... especially with that all-importa... tournament coming up in only ... month's preparation.

Chester Green and Charl... McKinney, two familiar figure... around the TJC campus and mo... so in and among Apache cag... opponents, bombed the bucket... for 20 each against Paris a... appear ready to keep up t... blisterous pace Tyler is settin... at the moment.

Guard Jack James, who ha... a little trouble finding the rang... against Paris, continued to thwar... the Dragons with some super... defensive steals and offensiv... passes.

Bill James did find the ou... side range if Jack could not a... scored 17 against the Dragons. Jerry Ahart had the highest in... dividual total in the Paris defe... with 22.

TJC's next TEC foe after Lo... Morris is none other than Kil... gore. And in both Thursday's Lon Morris or next week's Kil... gore games the Apaches won... have the advantage of a screami... ing home crowd in Wagstaff Gym... nasium.

EYE ON A CROWN

Basketball Coach Floyd Wagstaff joins Apaches Chester Green (24), Charles McKinney (44) and Lloyd Merriman (far right) in looking over an opponent. The Tribe is tied for the Texas Eastern Conference lead.

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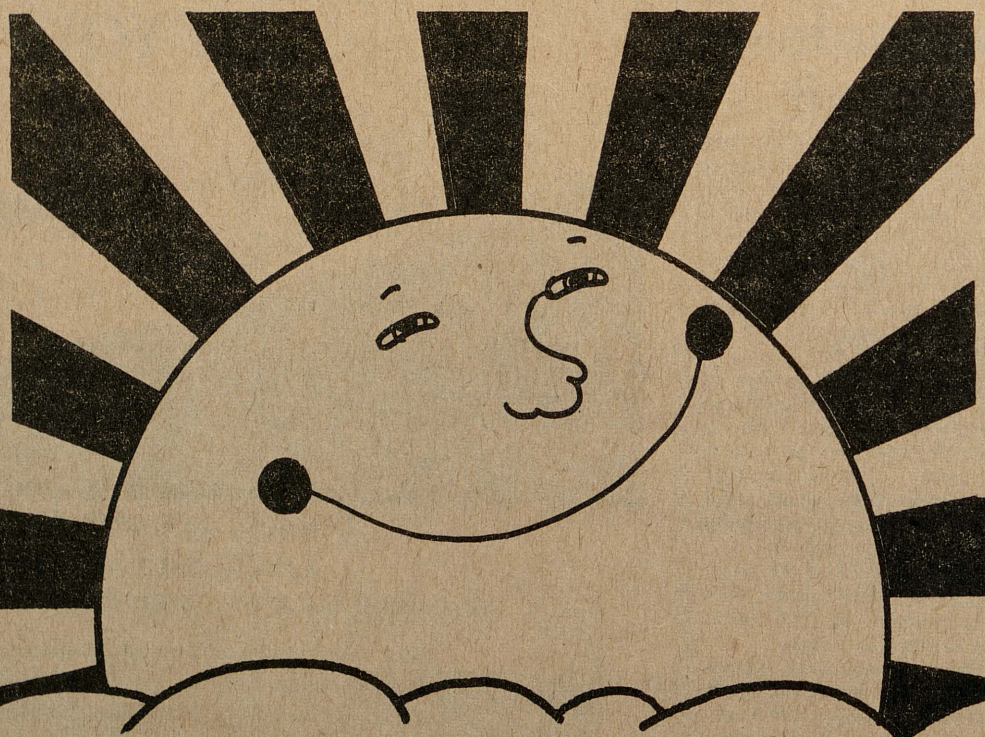

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